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# Senior Colloquium: *Applied Mathematics*

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## Class 10: Tuesday October 27

**TITLE** Advanced Boundary Layer Theory

**CURRENT READING** Logan, §3.3 (pp. 179-185); Holmes, §2.5-2.6 (pp. 69-84); Witelski, §7.1-7.3 (pp. 147-158)

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### SUMMARY

This week we will learn how to determine the size of a boundary layer (dominant balancing returns!) and compute boundary layer in other locations besides the leftmost boundary.

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### BOUNDARY LAYER SIZE

Recall the boundary value problem from Week #9:

$$\epsilon \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (1 + \epsilon) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0, \text{ where } \epsilon \ll 1 \text{ and } 0 < x < 1 \text{ with } y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 1. \quad (1)$$

We assumed that this problem has a boundary layer because we know it is a singular perturbation problem. We assumed the boundary layer was  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$  and at  $y = 0$ . Today we shall show how to make those determinations for ourselves.

### LEFT OR RIGHT?

Logan (p. 188) says that for the standard BVP

$$\epsilon y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0, 0 < x < 1, \quad y(0) = a, \quad y(1) = b$$

that when  $p(x) > 0$  the boundary layer is at the LEFT end, and when  $p(x) < 0$  the boundary layer is at the right.

We found the outer problem for  $y_{outer}$  which is valid when  $\epsilon$  is ignored, i.e. in the range where  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon) < x \leq 1$ , by letting  $\epsilon = 0$  in Equation (1). The outer problem becomes

$$y'_{outer} + y_{outer} = 0, \quad y_{outer}(1) = 1 \quad (2)$$

Solving the IVP in (2) gives us the solution  $y_{outer}(x) = e^{1-x}$ .

However, in the boundary layer (inner problem) we have to do more work. We must re-scale the independent variable  $x$  using the following:

$$\xi = \frac{x}{\delta(\epsilon)} \text{ and } Y(\xi) = y(x) = y(\xi\delta(\epsilon)) \quad (3)$$

and plug in the new variables in (3) into the original equation in (1) produces

$$\underbrace{\epsilon}_{(1)} \underbrace{\frac{d^2 Y}{d\xi^2}}_{(2)} + \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{\delta(\epsilon)}}_{(3)} + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{\delta(\epsilon)}}_{(4)} \right) \frac{dY}{d\xi} + Y(\xi) = 0 \quad (4)$$

There are four terms to do a dominant balancing of,  $\frac{\epsilon}{\delta(\epsilon)^2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\delta(\epsilon)}$ ,  $\frac{\epsilon}{\delta(\epsilon)}$  and 1.

This results in  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  possible balances.

**EXAMPLE**

Let's show that a consistent balancing is available if  $\delta(\epsilon) = \epsilon$  is chosen.

CASE I:  $\textcircled{1} \approx \textcircled{2}$

CASE II:  $\textcircled{1} \approx \textcircled{3}$

CASE III:  $\textcircled{1} \approx \textcircled{4}$

CASE IV:  $\textcircled{2} \approx \textcircled{3}$

CASE V:  $\textcircled{2} \approx \textcircled{4}$

CASE VI:  $\textcircled{3} \approx \textcircled{4}$

Choosing the scaling  $\delta(\epsilon) = \epsilon$  and plugging back into (4) leads to

$$\epsilon Y'' + Y' + \epsilon Y' + \epsilon Y = 0, \quad Y(0) = 0 \quad (5)$$

which is an ODE that can be approximated using regular perturbation, so we set  $\epsilon = 0$  and solve the leading order problem  $Y'' + Y' = 0$  with  $Y(0) = 0$ , which has the solution  $y_{inner} = A(1 - e^{-x/\epsilon})$ . We then using asymptotic matching to find the value of  $A$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y_{outer}(x) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} y_{inner}(\xi) = y_{BLC} \quad (6)$$

This give us the result  $y_{BLC} = e$ . To summarize, we now have

$$\begin{aligned} y_{inner}(x) &= e(1 - e^{-x/\epsilon}), \text{ when } 0 \leq x \leq \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \\ y_{outer}(x) &= e^{1-x}, \text{ when } \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) < x \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then we can write down the uniform expansion to the solution

$$y_{uniform}(x) = y_{inner}(x) + y_{outer} - y_{BLC} \quad (7)$$

So

$$y_{uniform}(x) = e^{1-x} + e(1 - e^{-x/\epsilon}) - e = e^{1-x} - e^{1-x/\epsilon}$$

**BOUNDARY LAYER AT THE RIGHT END**

Consider the following BVP

$$\epsilon^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0, \text{ where } 0 < \epsilon \ll 1 \text{ and } 0 < x < 1 \text{ with } y(0) = 3, \quad y(1) = -1. \quad (8)$$

**Algorithm for Solving Boundary Layer Problems**

**STEP 0:** Will Regular Perturbation Work?

**STEP 1:** Is there a boundary layer? What's the sign of the  $y'$  term?

(If  $> 0$  boundary layer is at the leftmost end, if  $< 0$  boundary layer is at rightmost end.)

**STEP 2:** Use dominant balancing to determine the form of  $\delta(\epsilon)$  by using  $\xi = \frac{x - x_0}{\delta}$  and  $x = x_0 + \xi\delta(\epsilon)$  where  $x_0$  is the location of the boundary layer in the interval  $0 < x < 1$ .

**STEP 3:** Is the ODE linear in  $y$  and satisfies Logan's Theorem 3.12? If yes, Use it! If not, proceed to find inner and outer problems and solve them and then use asymptotic matching to obtain a uniform expansion.

**STEP 4:** Check that your uniform expansion satisfies the initial conditions and ODE asymptotically (as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ). If you know exact solution, compare it with your uniform expansion.

**EXAMPLE**

Let's show that  $\delta(\epsilon) = \epsilon^2$  assuming the boundary layer is at the right end, i.e.  $x_0 = 1$ .

**Exercise**

Rescale the problem in Equation (8)

$$\epsilon^2 y'' - y' + xy = 0, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y(1) = -1$$

using  $\xi = \frac{x-1}{\epsilon^2}$  and show that the outer and inner problems become:

**OUTER PROBLEM** (at  $x = 0$ )

$$-y' + xy = 0, \quad y(0) = 3. \quad (9)$$

**INNER PROBLEM** (at  $x = 1$ )

$$Y'' - Y' + \epsilon^2 Y + \epsilon^4 \xi Y = 0, \quad Y(0) = -1. \quad (10)$$

GROUPWORK
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(A) Solve the inner problem (10) and outer problem (9).

(B) Use asymptotic matching for a right-end boundary layer

$$y_{BLC} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} y_{outer} = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow -\infty} y_{inner}$$

(C) Show that the uniform expansion for the solution to Equation (8) is

$$y_{uniform} = 3 \exp\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) - (1 + 3\sqrt{e}) \exp\left(\frac{x-1}{\epsilon^2}\right) \quad (11)$$

and check that it satisfies boundary conditions and ODE asymptotically.

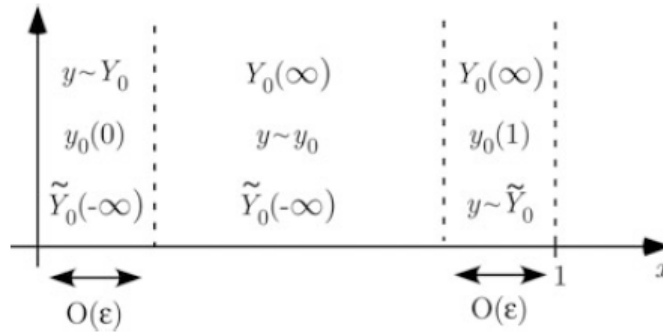
**BOUNDARY LAYER AT BOTH ENDS(!)**

**TUTORIAL**

(Adapted from Holmes, p. 81, Example 3) Consider the following BVP on  $0 < x < 1$  with  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$  which has boundary layers at each end of the interval:

$$\epsilon^2 y'' + \epsilon x y' - 2y = 2 - 2x, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y(1) = -1.$$

Find a composite expansion of the leading order solution. Here's a diagram of the situation from Holmes:



where  $y_0$  is the “outer” solution and  $Y_0$  is the expression in the left boundary layer and  $\tilde{Y}_0$  is the expression in the right boundary layer.

$$y_{uniform} = y_0(x) + Y_0(\xi) + \tilde{Y}_0(\tilde{\xi}) - y_0(0) - y_0(1)$$